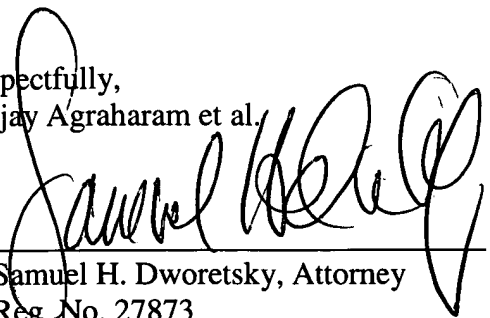


Having addressed the rejection of claims 1-27, Applicants respectfully submit that the subject application is in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

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